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1. Only a few Soviet soldiers were seen in the streets of Szombathely (P 48/C 78) on 30 June 1950. The troops stationed in the city left for the Haymasker (P 48/D 79) troop training grounds in late April 1950. Guard personnel remaining in the city said that some of the troops had been shipped to the U.S.S.R.

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2. The sentries at the Old and New Gendarmerie Barracks wore red-bordered black epaulets. No motor vehicles were seen in the two billeting areas.

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Only a few trucks for training drivers were in the Cavalry Barracks.

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3. Six armored vehicles were parked in the yard of the barracks on Paragvari Street. The guns of two vehicles had muzzle brakes, while those of three vehicles had no muzzle brake. One armored vehicle had no turret.

4. A sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets was observed in front of the former Corps Headquarters Barracks on Kalvaria Street. Only a few soldiers were quartered in the barracks on Szily Janos Street which formerly housed telephone communication troops. No vehicles were observed in Ezredevi Park. Some Soviet guards were seen at Haladas Athletic Field. Very little activity was observed at the military hospital or at the dispensary in the Paludi Ferenc High School.

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5. Two one-story buildings, surrounded by a double fence, were in the depot on Vepi Street, corner of Sagi Street, east of the freight yard. Several fire extinguishers were noted. Sentries on two watch towers guarded the installation. No information could be obtained on the stocks at the depot.
6. The Soviet military post headquarters was located in the Comitato Building. The officers' billets in Sabaria Hotel were vacant but guarded.
7. The former Boy Scouts' Home, Junior High School No 2 and the boarding school were also guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The industrial school which had been damaged by bombs, was being rebuilt. No troops were seen there. *

* Comment. The observations in Szombathely confirm the movement of component units of the 17th Gds Mecz Div to the Haymasker troop training grounds prior to 30 June 1950. See [redacted] The troops which left Szombathely for the USSR probably belonged to the 17th Gds Mecz Div and were due for demobilization.

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